THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) No, Sir. (b) Does not arise. **Popularisation of Ayurvedic/Homoeopathic System of Medicines**

827. SHRI DEVI PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any long-term measures are being taken by Government to popularize Ayurvedic/Homoeopathic System of Medicines under CGHS even after the functioning of 31-Ayurvedic/ 34 Homoeopathic Dispensaries/Units in Delhi and outside Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that CGHS Dispensaries/Units are situated at distant and scattered place where beneficiaries are unable to take the treatment of I.S.M.&H. system;

(d) if so, the future plan for expansion of this system; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA):

(a) and (b) To popularise ISM&H System of medicine under CGHS, certain proposals were considered from time to time for providing medical services to the CGHS beneficiaries subject to availability of manpower and resources.

(c) and (d) the CGHS Dispensaries/Units under ISM&H System are opened at the places as per the requirements of the CGHS beneficiaries based upon justification.

(e) In view of (c) and (d) above, the question does not arise.

Announcement of New Health Policy

828. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) where it is a fact that a new National Health Policy is being announced shortly;

(b) if so, the details thereof any by when the policy is likely to be announced;

(c) what are the reasons for formulating a new Health Policy which was inaugurated only a few years back which set the target of Health-for-All by 2000;

(d) whether targets set in the last Health Policy have been achieved; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. An exercise is currently underway for revising the National Health Policy 1983 in view of significant epidemiological and demographic changes in the country since the last policy was announced. Upon finalisation of the National Health Policy, the same will be circulated to States/UTs for comments and finally placed before the Cabinet for approval.

(d) and (e) The National Health Policy, 1983 envisaged achievement of basic health and family welfare goals in respect of certain indicators. Varying degree of progress has been achieved in the targets laid down. Details of achievement *vis-a-vis* goals of various indicators are given in the Statement. [Refer to the statement appended to the Answer to Unstarred Question No. 806(c)].

Fish Treatment for Asthma

829. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the scientific truth about the so-called fish treatment of Asthma and bronchitis patients offered by a family in Hyderabad which attracts losts of patients;

(b) the reasons for not patenting this wonder drug if it is acceptable to our physicians; and

(c) whether Government plan to discourage it if it is a mere ritual faith?